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TITLE: ELECTROSTATIC MAINTAINING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

 $Please \ note \ that \ the \ following \ amendments \ apply \ to \ the \ English \ translation \ of \ the \ application.$

There was no annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report.

IN THE TITLE

On page 1, line 1, delete "holding" and insert therefor -- Maintaining--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 6, delete "The invention presented here" insert

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

135.00 The present invention--.

On page 1, line 6, delete "holding" and insert therefor --maintaining--.

On page 1, line 9, delete "vacuum, for example." and insert therefor --vacuum.--.

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